GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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CHANGE IN CONTRACT LABOUR ACT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions from major Trade Unions to change the existing Contract Labour Act, 1971;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : The Central Trade Union Organisations have, by and large, suggested that a provision for automatic absorption of contract labour in the establishment of the principal employer in the event of issuance of a prohibitory notification under section 10 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 should be made in the Act, as per the judgement of the Supreme Court in Air India case. Other suggestions are that wage parity with regular workers for similar nature of work should be ensured and employment of contract labour in regular and perennial nature of work should not be allowed. The changes or amendments to the Act to be made, if any, after taking into account all view points have not yet been finalised.